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SUBJECT: AWACS

REF: USNATO 1500, 161840Z MAR 77

1. DURING MARCH 15 BROWN/LEBER MEETING, LEBER RAISED
POSSIBILITY OF CONSIDERING QUOTE A SCALED-DOWN NATO AEW
PROGRAM PROVIDING 10 AIRCRAFT FOR THE CENTRAL REGION
ALONE UNQUOTE. HE PUT THIS IDEA FORWARD FOLLOWING DIS-
CUSSION ON SHARES REPORTED REFTEL, SEEMING TO SUGGEST
THAT US AND FRG COULD RESOLVE FINANCIAL DIFFERENCES IN
THIS MANNER.

2. BROWN REPLIED HE WAS NOT CERTAIN 10 AIRCRAFT WOULD
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PROVIDE SUFFICIENT COVERAGE FOR THE CENTRAL REGION.
HE ARGUED POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING FLANKS AND UK
IN NATO AEW PROGRAM. BROWN CONCLUDED THAT EVEN AS A
PILOT PROJECT THE 10 AIRCRAFT CENTRAL REGION PROPOSAL
COULD ONLY BE SEEN AS "LAST RESORT" AND WOULD REQUIRE
A VERY HARD LOOK.

3. LEBER DID NOT RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT DURING SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS OF AWACS.

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4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE PREFER NOT TO PURSUE THIS OR ANY OTHER FALLBACK SUGGESTIONS UNLESS AND UNTIL BROADER ALTERNATIVES ARE DEFINITELY RULED OUT AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL.
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